

REMARKS

Among other things, claim 25 calls for appending tags to said game control commands so that a command from one player is distinguished by said media player from a game command received from another player.

Because Gordon discloses that a suitable input device, such as a game pad controller, may be used by both players to control the characters, that this is viewed by the Examiner as a system being capable of receiving game control commands from the players and identifying which commands originate with each of the players. Gordon has a wired system. Since he has a wired system, he does not need and would not append tags to the signals to determine where they came from. He could determine where they came from by the port that they came in on.

Similarly, the reliance on McDonald is misplaced. There is nothing in column 1, lines 45-49 in McDonald that suggests that he appends tags to game control commands so that tags can be distinguished. Although McDonald is non-specific on exactly how, if at all, he distinguishes commands from different players, he does indicate in one embodiment, in column 6, lines 26-31, that there is a timing basis and a TDMA system that is used to ensure that interference does not exist between the transmission of sub-data packets from the plurality of terminal devices. Thus, it appears, although McDonald is non-specific, that user devices are distinguished, not on the basis of tags, but by the time interval when they are allowed to transmit or receive.

Thus, none of the references teach the claimed invention and at best suggest a different approach. Using a timing basis means that with multiple players, the commands may be delayed, which could result in a game play speed reduction.

In any case, there is no basis for a rejection since elements are missing from even the proposed combination of multiple references.

On similar bases, the other claims are also distinguishable.

Therefore, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 15, 2010

/Timothy N. Trop/
Timothy N. Trop, Reg. No. 28,994
TROP, PRUNER & HU, P.C.
1616 South Voss Road, Suite 750
Houston, TX 77057-2631
713/468-8880 [Phone]
713/468-8883 [Fax]
Attorneys for Intel Corporation